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ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. AMONG WARSAW'S DAILIES, ONLY TRYBUNA LUDU, THE
ORGAN OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY, RUNS
A STORY JULY 14 ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS CONCERNING
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE POLISH
NEWS AGENCY (PAP) DISPATCH, DATELINED PARIS AND
WASHINGTON, IS PLACED ON PAGE TWO OF THE PAPER UNDER
THE HEADLINE "ANDREW YOUNG ON POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN THE USA...IRRITATION IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE
DEPARTMENT". THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE (EMBASSY TRANSLATION)
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READS AS FOLLOWS: "IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANTI-SOVIET
CAMPAIGN MOUNTED IN THE WEST CONCERNING THE TRIALS FOR SPYING
AND ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE PRESENTLY GOING ON IN THE
SOVIET UNION, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
UN, ANDREW YOUNG, HAS MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN. IN AN INTERVIEW
GIVEN TO THE FRENCH PRESS AND THE AMERICAN AGENCY
ASSOCIATED PRESS, HE SAID THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY

TO UNDERTAKE ATTEMPTS TO 'STOP THE MOVEMENT OF THE WORLD' IN CONNECTION WITH THESE TRIALS, INDEPENDENT OF WHICH 'LIFE CONTINUES TO GO FORWARD'".

"YOUNG STATED FURTHER THAT IN THE UNITED STATES THERE 'ARE HUNDREDS, AND PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.'"

"THAT LAST STATEMENT PROVOKED IRRITATION IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPOKESMAN, POWELL, SAID YOUNG'S STATEMENTS DO NOT REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, ADMITTING THAT YOUNG'S STATEMENT 'MADE CYRUS VANCE FURIOUS', DECLARED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONSIDERS THE STATEMENT OF THE AMBASSADOR TO THE UN AS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TRUTH. THE SPOKESMAN ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT POOR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES LAND IN PRISON MORE EASILY THAN RICH PEOPLE".

2. TRYBUNA LUDU DEVOTES APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AMOUNT OF SPACE ON THE SAME PAGE TO A TASS DISPATCH ON THE CONVICTION OF ALEXANDER GINZBURG.
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